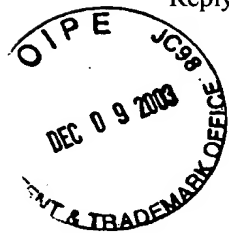


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on pages 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begins on pages 13 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended and marked-up drawing figures are attached following page 15 of this paper.